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\* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ W.P.(C) 14213/2025

SMT. SONI SHABNAM

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Sanobar Ali Qureshi and Mr. Manoj Kumar and Mohd. Khalid, Advs.

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versus

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF DELHI THROUGH ITS COMMISSIONER & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Dr. Divya Swamy, SC for R-MCD, Mr. Yagyawalkya Singh, Ms. Nidhi Kumar and Ms. Akriti Singh, Advs.

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**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MINI PUSHKARNA**

**ORDER**

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**15.09.2025**

1. The present writ petition has been filed on behalf of the petitioner challenging the Dismissal Order dated 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2025, passed by the Deputy Commissioner, Shahdara (South Zone), Municipal Corporation of Delhi ("MCD"), wherein, the appeal for a veterinary license has been rejected by respondent no. 2 on the ground that the shop of the petitioner at F-32, Gali No. 10, West Jawahar Park, Delhi-110092 is allegedly within 150 meters of a Jain Mandir.
2. It is submitted that there are other shops as well, operating within the vicinity, which are less than 150 meters from the Jain Temple in question.



3. Thus, the present writ petition has been filed challenging the Meat Shop Licensing Policy dated 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 (“policy”) of the MCD for restriction of meat shops within 150 meters from religious places and cremation grounds. There is further prayer for direction to the respondent to grant the petitioner, a veterinary license for operating their shop, i.e., *M/s Ayzal Chicken Fish Shop, located at F-32, Gali No. 10, West Jawahar Park, Delhi-110092.*

4. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that in view of the fact that there are other shops also in the vicinity, located within 150 meters, which are allowed to be operated, the petitioner’s shop shall also be allowed to be operated.

5. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the shop of the petitioner exists at a distance of 158 meters away from the Jain Mandir. Thus, the shop is located beyond the 150 meter restriction prescribed under the Policy of the MCD.

6. Attention of this Court has been drawn to paragraph 5 of the present writ petition, which reads as under:

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*5. That the Petitioner once again applied on 15.05.2025, enclosing inter alia a private site plan showing that **her shop was 158 meters away from the Jain Mandir, i.e., beyond the 150-meter restriction prescribed under the Policy.** It is pertinent to mention that the petitioner measured the distance from the middle front point of the shop till front middle point of the Jain mandir and found the distance 150 mtrs . so far as back side gate of the Jain temple never used by the devotees hence remained closed. Despite this, the second application was again rejected by Respondent no. 2 on 17.06.2025, without any discussion of the site plan or representations. A true copy of the rejection order dated 17.06.2025 is annexed as ANNEXURE A-3.*

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*(Emphasis Supplied)*



7. Issue notice. Notice is accepted by learned counsel appearing for respondents.
8. Learned counsel appearing for the respondent-MCD draws the attention of this Court to the Dismissal Order dated 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2025, issued by the Office of Deputy Commissioner, MCD, Shahdara (South Zone), to submit that the petitioner had been running the shop without grant of any veterinary trade license, thereby, contravening the norms of the Policy, dated 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2023.
9. This Court takes note of the submission on behalf of the petitioner that the shop of the petitioner is beyond the restriction of 150 meters and is situated at a distance of 158 meters from the Jain Temple.
10. This Court also takes note of the Dismissal Order dated 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2025, wherein, it is stated that the distance of the shop from one lane is 115 meters, while from another lane it is 145.12 meters.
11. The matter requires consideration, especially in view of the submission made by learned counsel appearing for the petitioner that the shop of the petitioner is at a distance of 158 meters from the Jain Temple.
12. Let reply be filed within a period of four weeks from today.
13. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed, within a period of one week, thereafter.
14. Accordingly, subject to the outcome of the present writ petition, the MCD is directed, as an interim measure, to grant veterinary trade license to the petitioner.
15. It is clarified that the aforesaid direction to grant veterinary trade license to the petitioner is only an interim measure, and shall be subject to the outcome of the present writ petition.



16. The petitioner shall comply with all the directions of the MCD and shall maintain the shop in a hygienic condition, in terms of the norms of the MCD.

17. Re-notify on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2026.

**MINI PUSHKARNA, J**

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2025/SK**